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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action, Paper No. 10, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 8, 2000, for which the period of response is set to expire on December 8, 2000, and which is extended to January 8, 2001, by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time for One Month, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows, without prejudice:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A sample vial for use in an automated test apparatus, the sample vial comprising:
- a body comprising an outer surface, an open end, a closed end, and at least one [anti-torque] anti-rotation lug about said body outer surface;
 - a cap releasably engagable with said body, said cap comprising an outer surface and a torque pattern on said cap outer surface, said torque pattern comprising a plurality of radially disposed ribs; and

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